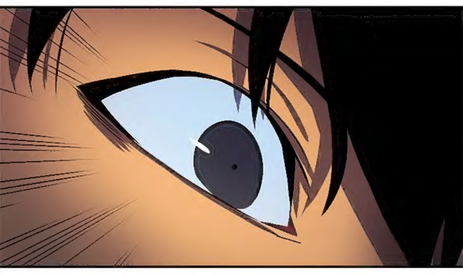

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WHY DO YOU WANT TO WORK OUT WITH ME ALL OF A SUDDEN?

WELL, I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE GETTING A LITTLE FULL OF YOURSELF.
PLUS, IT'S NOT GOOD TO SIT AT A DESK ALL DAY.
I'M NOT GOING TO WAIT FOR YOU IF YOU CAN'T KEEP UP.

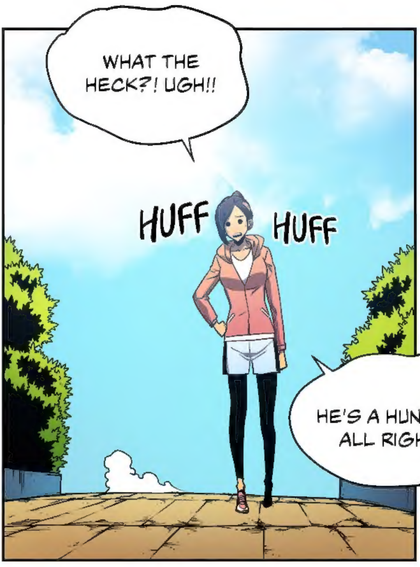
JINAH.
LET'S SAY YOU SOMEHOW GOT 30 BILLION WON. WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THAT MONEY?
EH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I GUESS I'D PUT SOME IN MY SAVINGS ACCOUNT, OR MAYBE MOVE TO A BIGGER HOUSE.
WHAT ABOUT THE REST?
HMM... I'VE NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT...

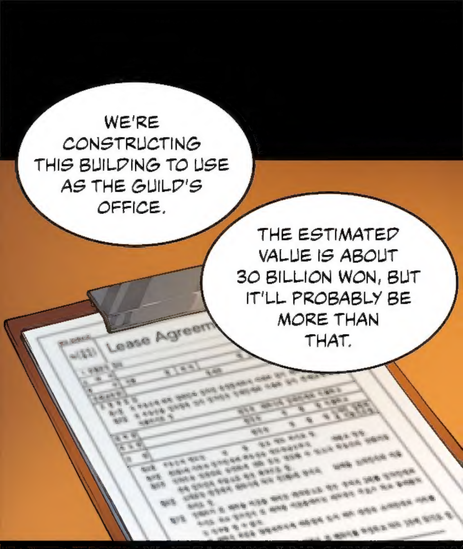
THAT NUMBER IS SO UNREALISTIC, ANYWAY.
WHY 30 BILLION WON?

"UNREALISTIC," YOU SAY...

...TRUE.
DAASH
JINWOO...!
JINWOO!
SLOW DOWN!


WHAT THE HECK?! UGH!!
HUFF HUFF
HE'S A HUNTER, ALL RIGHT.

30 BILLION WON?!

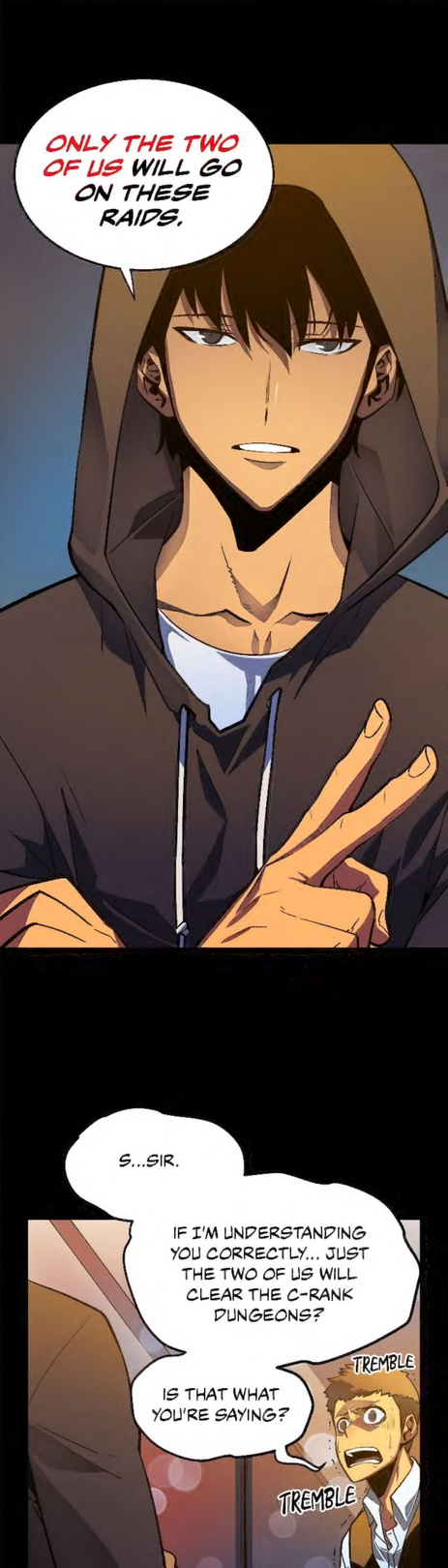

WE'RE CONSTRUCTING THIS BUILDING TO USE AS THE GUILD'S OFFICE.
THE ESTIMATED VALUE IS ABOUT 30 BILLION WON, BUT IT'LL PROBABLY BE MORE THAN THAT.
Lease Agreement

A BUILDING WORTH 30 BILLION WON FOR GOING ON 19 C-RANK RAIDS...
SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'S A SMALL PRICE TO PAY, AS LONG AS YOU CAN BECOME A GUILD MASTER?
THAT'S CORRECT, SIR.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
30 BILLION.
NORMALLY, I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY REASON TO REFUSE, BUT...

...I'M A SPECIAL CASE.
I'M AWARE.
I'M A SPECIAL

CASE EVEN AMONG THOSE THAT HAVE REAWAKENED.
SINCE A HUNTER THAT'S ABLE TO BECOME MORE POWERFUL IS PRETTY MUCH UNHEARD OF.
IF I CONTINUE TO LEVEL UP AT THIS RATE, I'LL SOON BE AN S-RANK. NO, MAYBE I COULD GO EVEN HIGHER THAN THAT.
IF THAT HAPPENS, 30 BILLION WON WOULD BE NOTHING.
BUT...
I HAVE ONE CONDITION.
ANYTHING, SIR!
YOU AND ME.


ONLY THE TWO OF US WILL GO ON THESE RAIDS.

S...SIR.
IF I'M UNDERSTANDING YOU CORRECTLY... JUST THE TWO OF US WILL CLEAR THE C-RANK DUNGEONS?
TREMBLE
IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
TREMBLE
YOU UNDERSTOOD PERFECTLY.

B, BUT WE NEED AT LEAST 10 MEMBERS TO ENTER THE C-RANK GATES...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
PEOPLE WOULD LINE UP IF WE TOLD THEM WE'D PAY

THEM FOR JUST BEING THERE.

WE'D BE USING THE SAME METHOD HWANG DONGSUK USED.

S, STILL, WOULDN'T THAT BE TOO DANGEROUS, SIR?

YOU CAN'T SEE BEYOND YOUR OWN NOSE.

SIGH

TO PUT THINGS IN A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, NO ONE WILL GET HURT AS LONG AS WE'RE OKAY.

THINK ABOUT IT. WHEN WE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THOSE 19 RAIDS AFTER FORMING THE SQUAD...

WE'LL BE KNOWN AS THE STRIKE SQUAD THAT CLEARED 19 WHOLE RAIDS WITH NO ACCIDENTS.

WOULDN'T IT HELP CONVINCE YOUR FATHER THAT YOU'RE CAPABLE?

!

I SEE...!

SOUNDS GOOD, SIR! I'LL PUT TOGETHER A TEAM.

NOTICE

-DAILY QUEST : [TRAIN TO BECOME A FORMIDABLE COMBATANT] HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

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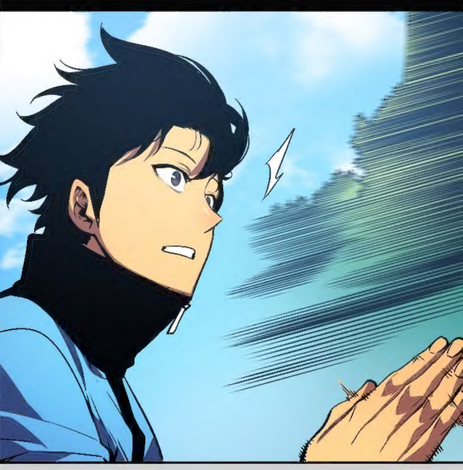
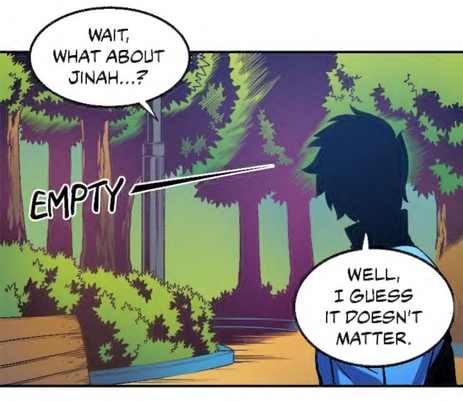


-PUSH-UPS	[100/100] ✓
-SIT-UPS	[100/100] ✓
-SQUATS	[100/100] ✓
-RUN	[11/10KM] ✓



QUEST INFO

GOALS

-PUSH-UPS	[100/100] ✓
-SIT-UPS	[100/100] ✓
-SQUATS	[100/100] ✓
-RUN	[11/10KM] ✓

*CAUTION: IF THE DAILY QUEST REMAINS INCOMPLETE, PENALTIES WI... ACCORDINGLY.

WHY IS IT KEEPING TRACK OF THE EXTRA EXERCISE I'M DOING EVEN THOUGH I'VE ALREADY COMPLETED THE QUEST?

MAYBE I SHOULD TRY PUSHING MYSELF TO THE LIMIT. I STILL FEEL ENERGIZED, AND I HAVE TO WAIT FOR JINAH ANYWAY.

HUP

20 MINUTES LATER

-PUSH-UPS [200/100] ✓
-SIT-UPS [200/100] ✓
-SQUATS [200/100] ✓
-RUN [11/10KM] ✓

THE NUMBERS WON'T GO ANY HIGHER THAN 200.

WHEW

IS IT THE SAME FOR RUNNING?

I CAN'T RUN 200 KM, SO I'LL TRY RUNNING UP TO 20 KM.
HUFF
HUFF
AH, JINWOO!

JINWOO!!
SPRINT

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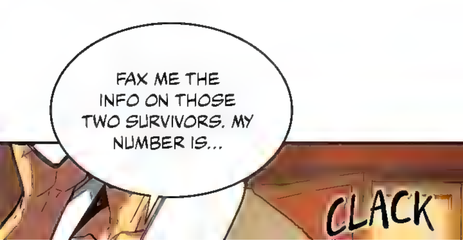

FAX ME THE INFO ON THOSE TWO SURVIVORS. MY NUMBER IS...
CLACK

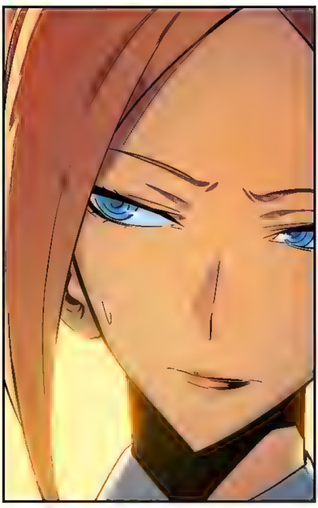
MR. HWANG. WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE TO TEND TO AT THIS HOUR?

LAURA, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

SURE, ASK AWAY.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I WERE TO KILL SOMEONE IN KOREA?
SAMSUNG
WHIR
WHIR

...
ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS, SIR?



...THE U.S. DOESN'T HAVE ANY SET AGREEMENTS WITH KOREA ON THE EXTRADITION OF HUNTERS THAT COMMIT CRIMES.
SINCE YOU'RE AN AMERICAN HUNTER, YOU WOULD STAND TRIAL IN A U.S. COURT. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY NEGOTIATE

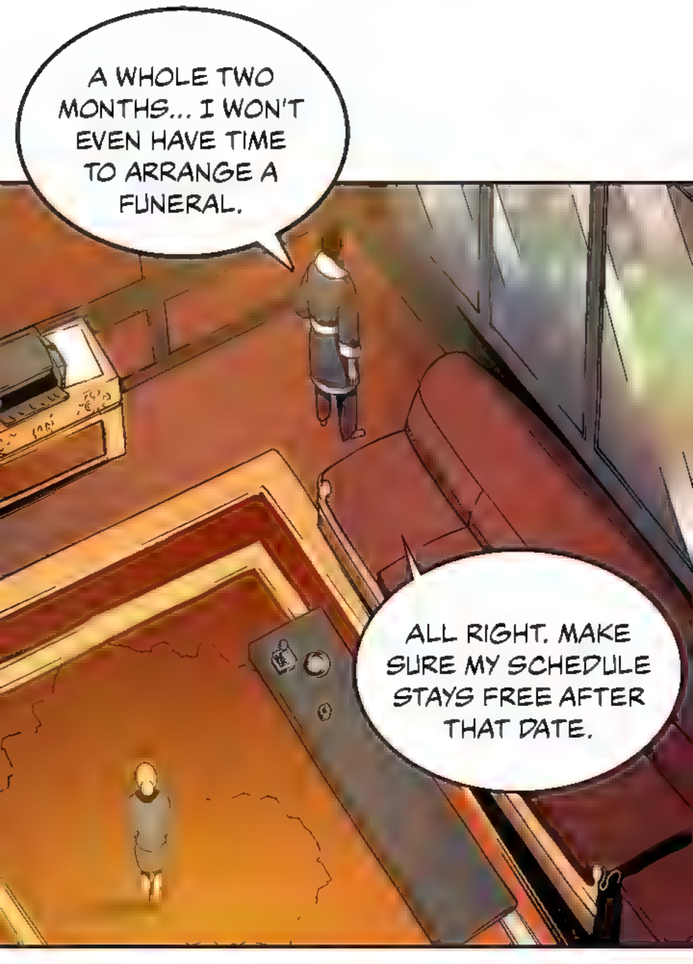
TO GIVE YOU A LIGHT SENTENCE.
WHIR
WHIR
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
SOME BASTARDS MURDERED MY OLDER BROTHER.
CRUSH
I WON'T REST UNTIL I SEE THE FACES OF THOSE SCUMBAGS...!
S-RANK HUNTER
HWANG DONGSOO
(SCAVENGER GUILD)

...ALL EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE STRIKE SQUAD, INCLUDING MY BROTHER, DIED WHILE THE REMAINING TWO HUNTERS SURVIVED?
THE SURVIVORS WERE A D-RANK AND AN E-RANK.
DONGSUK ISN'T THE TYPE OF PERSON TO GIVE UP HIS LIFE FOR A WEAKER TEAMMATE.
ALSO, THEY WEREN'T EVEN OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE SQUAD. THEY WERE FILLERS.
THOSE BASTARDS MUST'VE SET A TRAP AND KILLED DONGSUK!

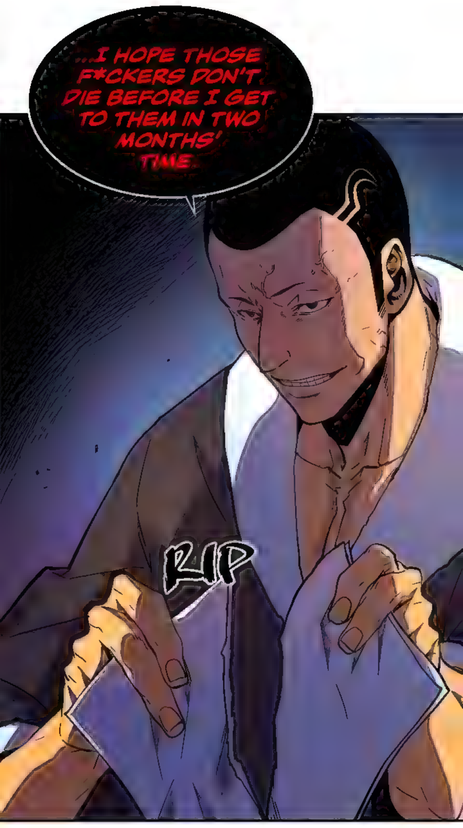
THIS IS WHY I ALWAYS TOLD HIM THAT HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT ME...
I NEED TO VISIT KOREA. CAN YOU CLEAR MY SCHEDULE?
BUT MR. HWANG, THE GUILD'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE AT A STANDSTILL IF YOU TAKE A SUDDEN LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

WHAT DOES MY SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?

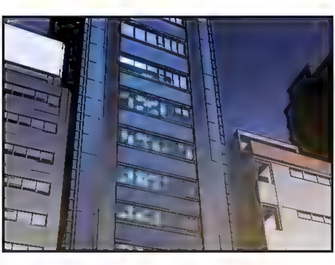
YOU'RE COMPLETELY BOOKED FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.


A WHOLE TWO MONTHS... I WON'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO ARRANGE A FUNERAL.
ALL RIGHT. MAKE SURE MY SCHEDULE STAYS FREE AFTER THAT DATE.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
MORE IMPORTANTLY...


...I HOPE THOSE F*CKERS DON'T DIE BEFORE I GET TO THEM IN TWO MONTHS' TIME.
RIP

D-RANK HUNTER, YOO JINHO...
...AND E-RANK HUNTER, SUNG JINWOO.



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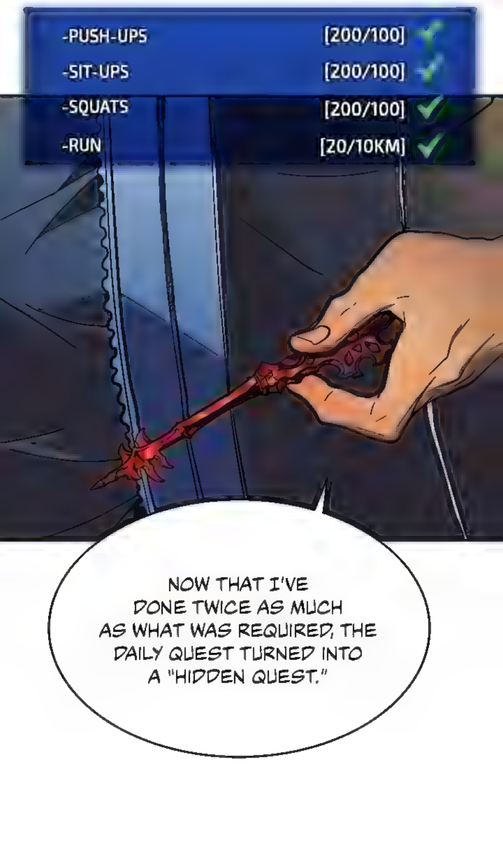


NOW THAT I'VE DONE TWICE AS MUCH AS WHAT WAS REQUIRED, THE DAILY QUEST TURNED INTO A "HIDDEN QUEST."

[ITEM: KEY TO THE DEMONS' CASTLE]
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: S
TYPE: KEY
THIS KEY ALLOWS YOU TO ENTER THE DUNGEON DEMONS' CASTLE. THIS ITEM CAN BE USED AT DAESUNG TOWER IN THE SONGPA DISTRICT.
I KIND OF KNEW I'D GET A BETTER REWARD THIS TIME, BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT AN S-RANK ITEM.

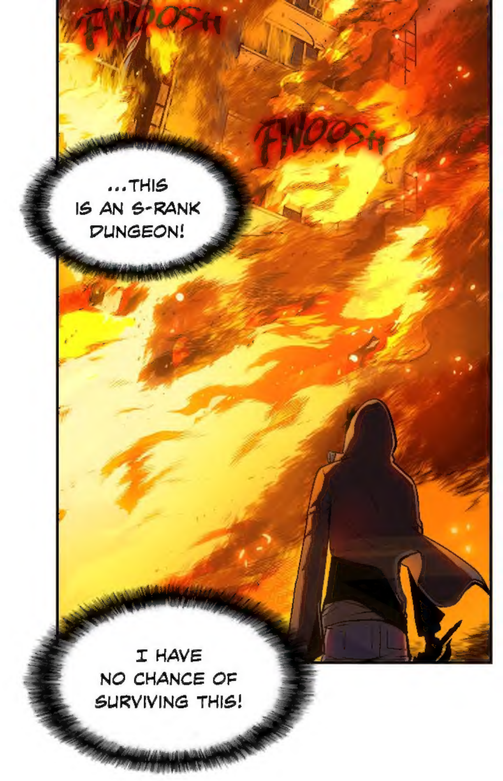
I WONDER IF HIDDEN QUESTS ARE ONLY GIVEN WHEN I'VE EXCEEDED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DAILY QUEST.
SELECT A REWARD.
CHOOSE A REWARD FRO
BELOW.
REWARD 1. STATUS RECOVERY
REWARD 2. ABILITY POINTS
REWARD 3. RANDOM BLESSED LOOT BOX (SELECT)
ACCEPT ALL YOUR REWARDS?
ACCEPT
DECLINE
THIS COULD BE A ONE-TIME THING.
I CHOSE A "RANDOM BLESSED LOOT BOX," SO I PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THE "RANDOM CURSED LOOT BOX."

ANYWAY, I GOT A DUNGEON KEY, SO I SHOULD ENTER.
ZZZT

ZZZZZZT

SHWWWP

IF THE KEY'S LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY IS THE SAME AS THE DUNGEON RANK, THAT WOULD MEAN...
FWOOSH



IT'S NOT A GIVEN THAT THE DUNGEON'S RANK WILL MATCH THE ITEM'S LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY, OR HOW HARD IT WAS TO OBTAIN THE ITEM.

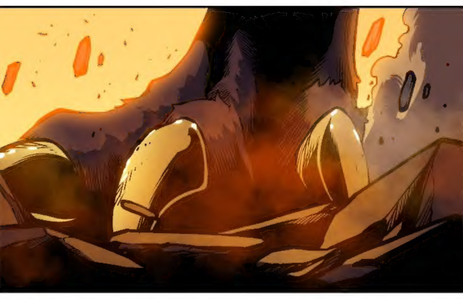
BUT IT SURE DOES SEEM TO BE THAT WAY...

SINCE THE E-RANK KEY LED TO AN EASY DUNGEON THAT FELT LIKE IT WAS E-RANK.

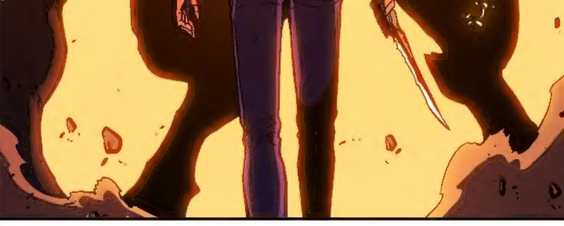
WHAT IF THE ITEM'S LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY IS ACTUALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE DUNGEON'S LEVEL?

I STILL HAVE THAT TELEPORTATION STONE I OBTAINED FROM THE INSTANCE DUNGEON, SO I'LL USE IT AS SOON AS THINGS GET TOO DANGEROUS.
THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IN THIS SITUATION IS TO GIVE IT MY ALL.

JINHO AND I HAVE TO CLEAR C-RANK DUNGEONS BY OURSELVES FROM NOW ON.
STEP
STEP
IN ORDER TO DO THAT, I NEED TO KNOW EXACTLY HOW STRONG I AM.



IF I GIVE UP JUST BECAUSE I'M SCARED, I WON'T BECOME ANY STRONGER.



I'M GOING TO BECOME
EVEN MORE POWERFUL...

I CAN'T
LET MYSELF DIE
HERE.

...AND LEVEL UP!

To Be Continued...

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